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Title: Need to provide facilities to Grameen Dak Sevakas as per recommendation of Nataraja Murthy Commission.

SHRI P. RAJENDRAN (QUILON): Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity. I am not going into the details as our leader, Shri Basu Deb Acharia, has raised this issue. Around three lakh employees working in the Postal Department were earlier named as extra departmental employees. Even after 30 to 40 years of service, they are deprived of pension. Today, even the agricultural workers are getting pension but these Government employees are deprived of pension. Their wages are very low. They are even below the minimum wages. It is a long cherished demand that they may be treated as the Government employees. The issue of their pay revision is long pending. They have given notice for strike from 3rd March, 2009.[R21]

I urge upon the Government of India to consider their plight and give pay revision to them and accept them as Government employees at the earliest, in view of the recommendations of the Nataraja Murthy Commission. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN : All those hon. Members who want to associate with Shri P. Rajendran may send slips.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri K. Francis George and Shrimati P. Satheedevi ~~is~~ are allowed to associate with the matter raised by Shri P. Rajendran.

...(*Interruptions*)